

RANGE OF THERMOMETER.
Following was the range of the thermometer at The Times office yesterday:
9 A. M., 59; 12 M., 64; 3 P. M., 63; 6 P. M., 60; 9 P. M., 60; 12 M., 58. Average temperature, 60.

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BRIDE OLDER THAN GROOM'S MOTHER

Secret Wedding of Youth 22 and Woman 78.

FOUR TIMES A WIFE

And She Has Been Divorced Three Times Already.

AGED BRIDE WORTH \$3,000,000.

All Made Over to Handsome Young Husband, Who Is a Friend of Admiral Dewey—Dr. Cooper Married Them in February, and It Has Just Leaked Out.

A strange romance involving a keen infatuation on the part of a woman seventy-eight years of age for a youth just twenty-two, culminated in a secret wedding in Richmond on February 14th last. Not until yesterday did the world dream that Willard H. Hutchinson, a handsome young actor of prominent parentage, and Mrs. Cornelius B. Marco, who is worth a cool three million in her own name, had been man and wife for more than three months.

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BOERS RETIRING SOUTH OF VAAL

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Boers are Entrenching.

LONDON, May 25.—A. M.—The latest intelligence from Lord Roberts' headquarters at Pretoria, dated Thursday, was that the British were rapidly advancing. General Hamilton had effected a junction with Lord Roberts. The country in front of them was clear of Boers to the north. The Boers were retreating south of the Vaal River, and 5,000 had already crossed to the north bank.

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MARVE'S HEIGHTS WERE STORMED

Vets of the Blue Take Fredericksburg.

M'KINLEY WAS THERE

Society of Army of Potomac Meet on Confederate Soil.

SPEECH OF GENERAL SICKLES.

He Spoke of the Complete Reconciliation Between the Two Sections.

Corner-Stone Laid to a Monument to Members of the Fifth Army Corps.

Coming Here.

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., May 25.—

Special.—For the first time since the close of the Civil War, the Society of the Army of the Potomac is in session south of the Potomac river, in the heart of the former Confederacy. The veterans began to gather last night, and to-day historic Fredericksburg resounds with the tramp of the boys who wore the blue, while the guests of the society, and, in fact, every visitor, finds nothing to remind him that he is among the one-time enemies, except the unbounded hospitality that always characterizes the people of the Old Dominion, and especially the people of Fredericksburg. Bedecked with national colors, with Old Glory floating to the southern breeze, the city welcomes its visitors warmly and cordially.

President of the United States, Mr. McKinley, together with the members of his cabinet, arrived here about 11 A. M. They were met at the depot by the various committees, members of the Society of the Army of the Potomac and citizens. A tremendous crowd was at the station when the presidential train pulled in.

After some little delay, the parade was formed, in charge of Colonel E. B. Cole, chief marshal, and his aides—A. W. Emery, A. P. Rowe, Jr., and W. J. Jacobs. With music furnished by the Marine Band, which accompanied the President, and Bower's Band, of this city, the President was escorted to the court-house, where the exercises of the society were formally opened, after welcoming speeches by General H. H. Hoge, of the part of Virginia, and Mr. St. George R. Fitzhugh, acting in the same capacity for the city. Hon. Martin T. McMahon presided.

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The nomination of Mr. Kitchen gives great satisfaction, and in the next Congress of the United States he will represent the district now misrepresented by the only negro Congressman in the world, Geo. H. White.

RALEIGH, N. C., May 25.—Special.—Rev. D. T. Tynd, pastor of the First Baptist Church, of Durham, has been tendered the presidency of the Baptist Female University here.

RIVERS AND HARBORS. Surveys Authorized for Several Virginia Streams.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—The Senate Committee on Commerce, through Senator McMillan, to-day reported the emergency river and harbor bill. The general appropriation made by the bill was increased from \$20,000 to \$250,000, and the following additions of harbors, rivers, etc., of which surveys are to be made, were authorized:

North Landing River, Va., through Currituck Sound and through North River; Seppunoon River, Va., at its mouth; Pagan River, Va., from Smithfield to James River; Chesconnessex Creek, an Estuary of Chesapeake Bay.

ON THE TRAIL OF AGUINALDO. Major March Pursuing a Band Supposed to be Escorting the Filipino Leader—An Ambush.

MANILA, May 25.—Major Peyton C. March, with a battalion of the Thirty-third Infantry, and Colonel Luther R. Hare, with another part of the Thirty-third Regiment, while scouting the country northeast of Benguet, report that they have struck the trail of a party of Filipinos travelling in the mountains, and believe they are escorting Aguinaldo. March is continuing a pursuit across the mountainous and difficult country, beyond the telegraph lines.

Sergeant Barry and four privates of Company B, of the Twenty-seventh Regiment, have rescued the daughter of the President of San Mateo from some Ladrones who abducted her. Afterward twelve Ladrones ambushed them, killing the sergeant. Three privates stood off the band, while the other secured reinforcements. Seven Ladrones were killed.

Lieutenant W. P. Elliot, of the United States Cruiser New Orleans, died recently at Cavite of apoplexy, resulting from sunstroke.

THE WALL-STREET FAILURE. NEW YORK, May 25.—It is improbable that the assignee of Price, McCormick & Co., the brokerage house which failed yesterday, will be able to issue a statement of the failure to-day. A force of expert accountants and clerks worked on the books the greater part of last night, and the indications are that it will be a day or two before a statement can be prepared for the creditors. Theodore H. Price, the head of the collapsed firm, announced today that his marriage to Miss Eugenie Dyer, which was to have taken place on Monday in the Church of the Epiphany, will occur to-morrow.

A LARGE VOTE FOR CONVENTION

The Measure is Carried by a Big Majority.

NEGROES AGAINST IT.

The Northern Neck Counties Solidly Oppose Measure.

CITIES' LARGE VOTE FOR IT.

ALONG ELIZABETH RIVER.

Princess Anne Alone Gives a Small Majority Against.

NORFOLK, VA., May 25.—Special.—

Reports secured from the judges and clerks who counted the ballots, and which will now vary from the official returns more than a hundred votes either way, show that the constitutional revision is wanted by a majority in Norfolk city of 3,500 votes.

The completed count of Portsmouth city shows that it was carried for the convention by 1,155 majority. There was only 171 votes against revision.

Norfolk county, under the direction of County Clerk Alvin H. Martin, shows 2,374 votes against constitutional revision, and 528 in favor of it. Six small precincts in the county, yet to be heard from, are expected to slightly increase the majority against convention, and are by competent judges expected to swell it to about 2,500.

Princess Anne county count will probably not be completed before to-morrow afternoon. County officials state to-night that the county has gone against convention by about 100 votes. There are many Republicans in Princess Anne.

Good Democrats at and about Norfolk, business men of means, say they voted for the convention for party reasons, but hesitated somewhat, fearing that the constitutional Convention may be dominated by an element who may attempt to incorporate drastic clauses calculated to drive capital, especially corporate capital, from the State.

IN SOUTHAMPTON. The Negroes Told They Were to Be Enslaved and Sent to Philippines.

BOYKIN'S, VA., May 25.—Special.—The vote here yesterday passed off quietly. Nearly every negro in the precinct voted, but there were at least fifty white men who failed to come out. This was partly owing to indifference, and partly to no knowledge of the fact that such an important election was to be held. A very large majority of the negroes voted, and in the manner in which the most ignorant declared themselves.

They had been told they were to be again enslaved, and that they were to be sent to the Philippines. The two hundred and seventy-five votes were cast for a Constitutional Convention, and 157 against. Notwithstanding the heavy rain and blustery day, a good vote was polled. Franklin voted 418 for and 86 against.

FAIRFAX COUNTY. Negroes Took Advantage of What They Believed the Last Chance.

FAIRFAX, VA., May 25.—Special.—Returns from about one half of the precincts of this county show a very small vote cast on the question of holding a

FOR CONVENTION. Majority.

Bedford (approximate)..... 200
Norfolk (approximate)..... 278
James City..... 95
Sussex (approximate)..... 250
Fauquier..... 97
Stafford (approximate)..... 100
Brunswick..... 80
Greensville (approximate)..... 250
Henry county..... 111
Giles..... 83
Nelson (approximate)..... 89
Prince George (approximate)..... 100
Lancaster (estimated)..... 100
Isle of Wight (approximate)..... 100
Southampton (approximate)..... 1,000
Pittsylvania (approximate)..... 700
Henrico (approximate)..... 151
Giles (approximate)..... 200
Cheslerfield (approximate)..... 200
Augusta (approximate)..... 200
Amherst (approximate)..... 200
Page..... 25
Culpeper (approximate)..... 200
Mathews..... 89
Prince William (approximate)..... 100
Nottoway (approximate)..... 100
Franklin (approximate)..... 200
Warren (approximate)..... 200
Prince William (estimated)..... 200
Madison (estimated)..... 200
Greene (estimated)..... 50
Craig (estimated)..... 50
Alleghany (estimated)..... 25
Appomattox (approximate)..... 500

CITIES FOR CONVENTION. Richmond..... 4,250
Manchester..... 250
Norfolk..... 1,350
Williamsburg..... 106
Newport News..... 2,948
Petersburg..... 600
Danville..... 1,124
Staunton..... 443
Roanoke (approximate)..... 1,500
Alexandria..... 71
Winchester (approximate)..... 200

Total..... 23,345
Majority for convention, 20,000.

NEWPORT NEWS. The Peninsula City Rolls Up a Good Majority for Convention.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., May 25.—Special.—We counted ballots here until daylight. Following are the results: Total vote cast..... 2,833
For constitutional convention..... 2,418
Against constitutional convention..... 415
Majority..... 2,003

For Mayor—A. A. Moss, Democrat..... 2,018
George Nelson Wise, Republican..... 673
Moss' majority..... 1,345

For Commonwealth's Attorney—C. W. Robinson, Democrat..... 1,568
A. C. Peasey, Republican..... 2,500
Robinson's majority..... 932

For City Sergeant—E. W. Milledale, Democrat..... 2,055
E. J. Mulcahy, Republican..... 583
Milledale's majority..... 1,472

For Commissioner of the Revenue—Bernard W. Crump, Democrat..... 1,430
Magruder B. Jones, Republican..... 1,341

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